

**REMARKS**

Support for the amendment to the specification can be found in the PCT application as filed. Kindly note that the attached published PCT application appears to have been published without page 67, which contained the Abstract. The Abstract was published on the cover page of the Application. The original application is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

**CONCLUSION**

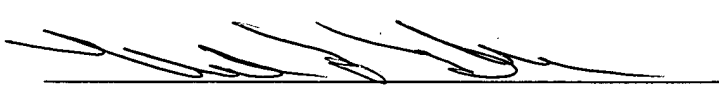
It is believed that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no extension of time is required. If any extension of time is required, the Examiner is authorized to treat this as a conditional petition for an extension of time. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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